Legislation to Curb Terrorism

*185. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to bring forward a new anti-terrorism law in the current session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether the new law, besides tackling criminal activities would also take care of international terrorism including hijacking activities;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to bring forward a separate law to deal with international terrorism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) The 'Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May 1995. This Bill has been pending since then because of absence of consensus, In December, 1998 Government requested the Law Commission of India to examine the issue regarding an appropriate Anti-Terrorism Legislation for the country. The report of the Law Commission is awaited. All acts of terrorism including hijacking would come under the purview of the proposed legislation.